

December 21, 2014



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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Pastor

Dcn. Robert Berube

Deacon

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Bookkeeper

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Director of Liturgy

Jeanne Gionfriddo

Director of Religious Education & RCIA

Jo-Ann Blanchette-Silverio

Parish Administrative Assistant

Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

Parish Trustees

Raymond Corsini, and Josephine Forcella

New Parishioners

Welcome! If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Liturgy or at the Rectory.

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8:00 A.M.

Devotions

Rosary - Monday through Saturday before Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements at least six months in advance. Dates or time can be arranged only after speaking with one of the parish clergy.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child in advance (even before the child is born, if possible). This allows time for the required preparation. Dates can be arranged after attending the parent preparation program. For information contact Rich and Sue Dziura 860 -747-5451.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for any sick person to be anointed. Holy Eucharist is brought to the homebound by our Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

Was Jesus actually born December 25?

Dear Padre,

How do we know the date of Jesus' birth? I've checked my Bible, and I can't find any mention of the date.

You're right: The Bible doesn't say Jesus was born December 25. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are the only Scriptures to give much detail about Christ's birth and infancy. They name the key political figures of the day, but not much else (Luke 1:5 and 2:1-2). Neither evangelist included specific information about the dates.

Dates were apparently not important to the earliest Christians. Besides, the first few generations of Christ's followers were far more interested in celebrating Christ's resurrection each Sunday, and eventually on Easter, than they were in celebrating his birth.

Christians started to associated December 25 with Christ's nativity centuries after the fact: the year 336, according to the earliest evidence.

The most popular theory is that the Church chose to replace a popular pagan Roman sun festival celebrating the winter solstice (December 21 or 22) with a Christian feast that could overtake the pagan festival and use its sun imagery to speak of Christ as the unconquered "Sun of Righteousness."

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PARISH MISSION

We, the people of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville, Connecticut are committed to journey together as a community of faith, hope, and love within the Catholic tradition. We are called to witness to the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives through sharing and celebration of faith and a life of Christian service.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

DECEMBER 21, 2014 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

MONDAY

December 22

8:00AM Mary & Alexander Kazokas, Joe & Pauline Raynock
Req. Raynock Family

TUESDAY

December 23

8:00AM Healing for Deacon Robert Berube
Req. Our Lady of Mercy

WEDNESDAY

December 24

4:00PM Christmas Vigil Mass w/ Liturgy of Word for Children

10:00PM Night Mass of Christmas

THURSDAY

December 25

8:30AM Christmas Mass

10:30AM Christmas Mass

FRIDAY

December 26

8:00AM George Baylock
Req. Wife

SATURDAY

December 27

8:00AM Helena Brunelle & Denise Abramczyk
Req. Sister - Therese

4:00PM Anthony Camp
Req. Claire

SUNDAY

December 28

8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Joseph Wichrowski
Req. Son

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5109.00
Monthly	65.00
Holy Day	225.00
Catch Up	255.00
Cathedraticum	- 310.97
SSP	- 310.97
Total	\$5032.06

CONFESSION SCHEDULE...Monday, 12/22 at 7PM, Tuesday, 12/23 at 4PM and Saturday, 12/27 at Noon. There will be no Confession scheduled 12/24 or Morning Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

12/24 - 4PM VIGIL MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH THE CHILDREN.

12/24 - 10PM NIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

12/25 - 8:30AM - CHRISTMAS MASS

12/25 - 10:30AM - CHRISTMAS MASS

DECEMBER 22 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
DECEMBER 22 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
DECEMBER 23 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
DECEMBER 23 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
DECEMBER 24 – Parish Office Closed
DECEMBER 25 – Parish Office Closed
DECEMBER 26 – Parish Office Closed
DECEMBER 28 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men’s AA Meeting – Room 106
DECEMBER 28 – 4PM – New England Chamber Choir - Music for Christmas Concert

OLM HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!!!...We have gone online! Go to www.olmct.org to find out



information of what events are taking place at our church. Also find out what programs there are available to get involved with, the latest Tweet the Pope has posted or read a homily. The

website will constantly be updated with information; updated Catholic News has been posted from the Pope and Bishops on how to help stop human slavery. Please visit us online!!

MASS STORM POLICY...

Daily Mass will be cancelled when Plainville Schools are cancelled.



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THERE ARE NEW BROCHURES TO EXPLAIN HOW TO ORDER A LEAF OR OTHER ITEM ON THE TREE OF LIFE THAT IS ON THE WALL IN THE GATHERING SPACE. PLEASE FIND THE BROCHURES ON THE WALL TO THE RIGHT OF THE TREE!

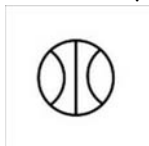
THE STAFF OF OUR LADY OF MERCY WISHES ALL OF YOU A VERY BLESSED



CHRISTMAS!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY FUN DURING THE TIME OF THE WINTER DULDRUMS...

Saturday, February 21st, at 7PM, OLM is organizing a fun night out at the XL Center to see the HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS. Tickets will be discounted to \$20 from \$28 per person. For more info on the team,



please visit their website at www.harlemglobetrotters.com. There are flyers/order forms for tickets at both major entrances to the church and

in the Parish Office. You may order tickets by mailing in or dropping the flyer and payment off at the Office. You may also drop your order and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Globetrotters." Or you can print the form from our website under the events tab, double-click on Globetrotters and then click on the red address and the flyer will print. OLM is not providing transportation or parking for this event. If you know another family that is attending the game, please consider carpooling. What a great Christmas present for the whole family!!!!

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST...

The Knights of Columbus Annual **Basketball Free Throw Contest** will be held on **Sunday, January 11, at 3:00 pm** in the **Parish Center**. The contest is for all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 (age as of January 1, 2015) and it's fun for the whole family to come out and watch the competition. Boys and girls compete each in respective age and gender divisions (for example, 9 years old girls compete against one another, etc.) and winners progress through local district, regional, and state levels. Thanks to the Knights members and especially sponsor **JR Heating and Cooling**, prizes will be given to each age group winner. Refreshments provided. **Parent permission is required for participation. Bring proof of age.** For questions, call Rich Dziura, 860-747-5451 for more information.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMBER CHOIR – MUSIC



FOR CHRISTMAS... Richard Wm. Donahue, Conductor, The 40TH Performance of Music for Christmas, Sunday, December 28, 4:00PM

in Our Lady of Mercy Church. The performance will be preceded by half an hour of Instrumental Music. Free Admission – Donations Appreciated.

PARISH GIVING TREE... Thank you to all who gave so generously to help brighten up our brothers' and sisters' Christmas!

JUSTICE CHALLENGE:...In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the angel inviting Mary to become the mother of the Messiah. Mary worried about doing this without breaking her promises to God. The angel replies with the story of Elizabeth being with child even though she was beyond the age of child-bearing. The angel states, "...for nothing will be impossible for God." Your challenge this week is to bring the Good News of Jesus and his Message of possibilities to someone who has been weighed down by darkness or despair – due to illness, financial stress, relationship problems, etc. As a family, choose one person - or one family – who needs you to remind them that with God, nothing is impossible. How can you help "liberate" this person or family from whatever is keeping them from living a free and full life?



OPLATEK (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)...are available in the Sacristy after Mass and in the Parish Office during the week. The offering is \$2.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS...

Thank you! "We certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!

IF YOU ARE 18 OR OVER......and you are living with your parents, we ask that you please register yourself separately from your parents. You may use the form below to do so and we will send you a registration form or you may download and print a form from the front page of our website. Thank you.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE #? MOVING? NEW PARISHIONER? **Kindly fill out the new information below and return it to the Parish Office by mail, in person or place in the collection basket. This info will help us keep our records up to date and to welcome new parishioners. Thank you.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN & ZIP _____

PHONE _____